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Day Of Death Follows Night Of Horror When Hurricane - Driven Water Breaks Frail Dike on Moore Haven Lake Front

Staying To Fight Oncoming Flood Shortened the Time To Escape From Death

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NO FULL LIST IS POSSIBLE

Canal Point and Pahokee Relatives Rescue Tiffin and Baker Families

The exact number of persons drowned at Moore Haven and vicinity Saturday will never be known. A certain number of bodies was recovered and identified, another number of bodies could not be identified and in addition a number of persons are missing. Many bodies were so decomposed that it was impossible to know whether they were whites or negroes. It is feared the number of dead will reach 300.

An intelligible account of the Moore Haven disaster was secured by W. O. Tiffin of Pahokee, who with his brother Rev. F. E. Tiffin had an automobile agency and a garage at Moore Haven. F. E. Tiffin is pastor of the Pahokee M. E. church South and spent only a part of his time at Moore Haven, W. O. Tiffin being in charge of the business there. In the past two weeks F. E. has stayed at Moore Haven and W. O. has looked after business in Pahokee. When the storm came on W. O. went to Moore Haven to relieve his brother.

The Tiffins lived in a house on a street that leads from the A. C. L. depot to the bank building and their garage and repair shop is on the same street. At 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning when the water got too high for them to stay in their house, F. E. Tiffin took his wife and three children to the Taylor building on the main street and left them in rooms on the second floor, where they stayed until W. O. Tiffin arrived Monday noon and got them and brought them to Pahokee.

The following account of the Moore Haven disaster includes information given by Mr. Tiffin.

Warning of the approaching hurricane was posted in the Moore Haven post office Friday. No flag was displayed, however, and it seems that some persons did not know of the warning until late in the day. No one is known to have been scared enough to get out of town Friday night. Men on a houseboat at a water-control night, miles from town knew of the telegraphed warning but gave no heed

The fire whistle blew at 2 o'clock Saturday morning and brought people out of their homes. The people were called upon to work to reinforce the levees and practically all responded, the levee being raised with sandbags as much as two feet in places in the course of the night. The fire whistle

was blown again at 3 o'clock and more persons were called out to work. The men continued to work on the levees during the night but at 6 o'clock the levee began giving way at the "state house," the sub-office of Everglades drainage district and dwelling of the assistant engineer.

RE. C. Vollets, a barber in Kate Williams' shop, was one of the first persons to get out of Moore Haven during the storm. With others he was working on the dike; when the pressure of water was such that the dike

gan breaking he went immediately to his home and insisted that his wife not wait to pack anything and come at once in the automobile he had waiting. They started in the car at once; as they

to the bank corner on the street
leading to the LaBelle road the wall
of water from the lake was right be-
hind them. They beat the flood in the
ice.

By 7 o'clock the levees were breaking on all sides and the workmen fled from the levees to their homes or other places of refuge. It was seen that raising the levees had only made

J. E. Chestnutt, for several years a truck grower in the Miami canal section, saved his life and that of his wife

five children by cutting a hole in the ceiling of his dwelling house in Shore Haven, the family taking refuge in the attic to escape the rising water. Others used the same plan but not all got out alive. From the attic he cut

...and before the roof-
w off they swam to a street and
ight hold on a telephone wire or
tric light wire to which they held
il the storm subsided enough for

PAHOKEE

Pahokee, June 2, 1925.

We want a hard surface road from Canal Point to Bacom Point right away.

A. KALTENBRUNER.

Marvin Jernigan, who came from St. Augustine, stopped by Pahokee a few days to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elliott and family. On Tuesday morning he left for Miami with B. Elliott and Henry Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaltenbruner returned home from Hendersville, N. C., last Wednesday. They reported a real nice time, but are very sorry to find the water up to high over the land.

Miss Hazel Boyd returned Friday with Mr. Tom Conley, who had been visiting in Vero a few days. Hazel went home Tuesday with her father R. J. Boyd and her sister Mrs. Charlie Smith, who came Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Atkins, who had been in Moore Haven a few weeks, arrived in Pahokee Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Lewis returned here Friday to stay a few days. Rev. Lewis was pastor of the Pahokee Baptist church, has resigned here to answer a call to preach at Parrish, S. C.

He and his family left here Monday for their new home. We wish him success in his new position.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hill of West Palm Beach over the week end. They were accompanied by Mrs. Graham's sister, Miss Wilda Friend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. York and daughter moved to Okeechobee Monday. They will live there until the water conditions are better.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Todd spent most of the time in Okeechobee during the storm.

The Garis family and W. R. Owen and family moved to Plant City this week.

Mrs. W. A. Tiffin and daughter, Miss Vena Mae, are visiting Mrs. Tiffin's daughter in Mount Verde, Fla.

Will Tiffin, Oscar Atkins and Mack Kimbrough went to Moore Haven Sunday night to try to find the family of Fred Tiffin, who drove over to Moore Haven at the time of the storm. They found them and brought them back to their home in Pahokee Monday night.

Mrs. John S. Gray and son Fred returned home Monday from an extended visit in Tennessee. John S. Gray came out with them from Kelsey City, Tenn.

Several families have moved from Bacom Point and Pahokee to Okeechobee to make their home. Among those going were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith and family and Wilma Curbrids and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Todd and family have taken apartments in Frank Friend's house.

Several people left for Miami this week to find out about their relatives there. Among those going were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vain, Raymond Pettiggett, Devane Larimore and Witt Guise.

Mrs. Jerry Moody, who has relatives in Clewiston, went there after the storm to see about them.

Marshall Lafr and Frank Colston came over Sunday from Clewiston on a short trip to get food for the stricken people there.

Dr. Shannon moved to Coleman, Fla. Tuesday.

Cecil Arrington got his hand washed under a pile driver Monday, when he was working over at Kremer Island for Leo Maxwell.

PAHOKEE

Because the wind blew the lake water away from the shore instead of on it, there was practically no damage to Pahokee. No lives were lost and only one building was blown down, the damage being chiefly to the loss of sections of roofs. The rainfall was slight.

All four of the large storage tanks at the Gulf Refining Company's station at Moore Haven were washed away. O. M. Baker, agent there, stated that one tank was floated seven miles out of town. "Another went over Baker highway, another to the town limits and the closest of the four was a mile away from its starting point."

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IN LIEU OF GOLF

This which follows was written last week with the intent of printing it this week. The hurricane has changed conditions and there will be no bean crop for several months. But the following article about a bean-growing contest and a bean-cooking and bean-eating contest is printed anyhow, chiefly because it "helps to fill space." I'll save it and print it again later in the season when it will serve just as well as if there hadn't been a hurricane. Here it is:

I am much disposed to consider adages, maxims and proverbs, for often they embody the distilled essence of human experience—the sagacity of sages and the prescience of prophets. Solomon is better known to the young than Plato, but he had the first. Sheba but his proverbs had more to do with his fame in other and less sophisticated days; Benjamin Franklin's Declaration of Independence and got French assistance for the colonies and established the post office department, but his compilation of Poor Richard's Sayings was a creditable achievement also.

A merit of Plutarch is his practice of quotation; the succession of ages can add little to the practical wisdom he wrote down—"he was a type of the true elder race." And so I say I am much disposed to consider adages and proverbs and to attempt to model my course on the maxims in which are concentrated human experience, but to Plutarch to "Abstain from beans," as an announcement on page one of this issue of The Everglades News is intended to show.

In no respect can I accept the advice to "Abstain from beans." "Abstain from beans" means to abstain from the time to keep out of public offices, for anciently the choice of the offices of state was made by beans; I am a candidate for county commissioner, which through a humble place is an office of state. As the poet Thomson says, that is a maxim—"It is too general, and nothing is so useless as a general maxim. Indeed, all maxims must be used with care—I mean no more when I say I am disposed to consider them, and I would not 'with a little word of maxims preach down a daughter's heart' or have Plutarch's maxim 'Abstain from beans' restrain me from prosecuting my candidacy for commissioner from the Everglades district or from putting on at bean contest that is announced on page one. Should I be defeated or the bean contest go wrong I shall recall that you cannot patch grief with proverbs—I would not be provoked with a candidate phrase.

DR. TELLER AND VISITORS

Joe Dick Iron and Joseph Karball of Kaw, Okla., visited Dr. Teller and wife on Torrey Island last week. The visitors wanted to see Pahokee and Canal Point so they got a boat and the party of four started across the lake. They had to beach the boat on Bacom Point, Thursday because of the rain. They stayed at Pahokee that night and came to Canal Point the next day, then to Torrey Island. Torrey, one of the Okla. visitors, never been on rough water and had said he wanted the experience. He got it to his heart's content.

LAKE HARBOR

When the Fitzhugh boat Palm put in Sunday afternoon at Miami Canal Point, V. F. Thrisk reported that all of the wants of the community were supplied. A group of men was at work at the site of the pump station on the east side of the canal. The big hotel on the west side of the canal was seemingly undamaged. It was reported that no serious damage was done at Sebring Farms, where there is a large avocado grove.

A BRAVE WOMAN

Miss Maude Wingfield, who has been postmaster and storekeeper at Ritta for 10 or 12 years, refused to abandon her location there when the boat Palm called Sunday afternoon, although she escaped from her building with only the clothes she wore. For greater convenience, in getting around while reestablishing herself, she changed her skirt for a bathing suit. D. W. Beardsley, a neighbor, likewise, stayed with the postmaster. Miss Wingfield sent an order to West Palm Beach for supplies and will resume business at the old stand.

DAYS OF TRAVAIL

Howard Sharp.

This personal narrative is written and printed chiefly as a memorandum from which to refresh memory of incidents in the future. It is a record of actions similar to that of many others in this territory at the time.

When the storm subsided Saturday evening and the conditions on the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee being known to me, and being anxious to know what happened elsewhere I left Canal Point, riding to West Palm Beach with Ernest Whidden in his Chevrolet car. Two young men were with us. Ernest came out from West Palm Beach that Saturday to learn conditions on the Peterson & Whidden farms. Rain had ceased when we left Canal Point at 5:45 o'clock but showers were encountered. Ernest and the young men kept the car going through water on Conners Highway at some places as the running boards were drying the coils at intervals.

There were terrific downpours of rain as we reached the western suburbs of West Palm Beach. Electric lights were on in the business section when we arrived; the larger stores were closed, some eating places and small stores were open. Broken glass in show windows was on the sidewalks. Later in the evening the electric power was off. At the time of the Palm Beach Post I wrote a short report of the storm damage at Canal Point which was printed in the Sunday morning paper. I got a letter about my purchases at a store on Dixie Highway and slept that night at the Dixie Court Hotel west of the court house.

The next morning at Makos restaurant I chanced to meet Morris Moore of Charlotte, N. C., who owns 400 acres of land at South Bay. He went through the 1922 flood in the Everglades. He had just come into West Palm Beach from Charlotte when I met him Sunday morning at Makos restaurant. His invitation to join him to ride around the Palm Beaches. The inspection showed the cities not as badly hurt as in the July 1922 flood. We got back to West Palm Beach at 10 o'clock and went to me to board the Fitzhugh boat at the Evernia street station. With the telephone and telegraph out of order there was very little news in West Palm Beach Sunday morning about the hurricane on the east coast. There were many rumors and little news.

As the purpose was to learn what happened elsewhere I took the Fitzhugh bus to go to Belle Glade, from where I had heard that Okeechobee road from West Palm Beach to 20-mile bend was not hurt by the storm. All there was there was water in it at places. There was very little water on the road from 20-mile bend to Belle Glade. As we passed Gladesville Farmers' market the water was standing. All of the land was under water. I had gone over that road the week before, the observations being in "last week's" issue of The Everglades News. A general way there did not seem to be much more water than before. Crossing Hillsboro canal and turning to the road on the west bank I noted that Gene Hensley's tents were blown down. He had some ground ready for plantings. The Everglades Experiment Station men were working at the pump house. I had seen a week before that a 25-h. p. engine was there to replace the 15-h. p. The Fitzhugh bus I was riding in continued through Belle Glade without pause and went on to Hillsboro canal lock, the end of its run where passengers are delivered to the boat Palm. I was the only passenger. Near the lock I saw Chief Engineer Hillsboro's palatial yacht Josephine safely at anchor.

We boarded the boat Palm at Hillsboro lock as soon as the bus got there that Sunday about noon and the boat proceeded across Lake Okeechobee for Clewiston on its regular run. We had not received even a rumor as to what happened at Moore Haven but had good reason to suspect that that had happened of which all learned later. Oney, "Briant" is the captain of the boat Palm. He is a fine fellow on Lake Okeechobee and knows the lake well. He agreed with me that when Lake Okeechobee receded 4-12 feet at Canal Point it was certain the lake rose at least 8 feet on the other side. This meant disaster at that point, wherever it was.

There was no rain that Sunday, not even a light shower. The temperature was pleasant. As we went out of Hillsboro channel into the lake we saw the smoke of the dredge Calcasieu chugging working on the dike less than 2 miles east of South Bay. We reached Clewiston in due time, at about 2 o'clock. What was observed at Clewiston is reported in another article. Elsewhere I am describing conditions at Ritta, Bare Beach, Lake Harbor and Sebring Farms.

Returning across the lake to Hillsboro canal and boarding the bus at that place we went to Belle Glade and paused for a quarter of an hour. There I talked with Mr. Badger and others. It was seen that a part of the roof of the Badger store was blown off and the stock of general merchandise was wetted. A building that was in course of construction had collapsed. Dozens of "tar paper shacks" were demolished. All of the buildings in sight seemed to have suffered some damage. No human lives were lost. The extent of the damage at Belle Glade seemed to be just the same as at Canal Point. Miss Farnum of South Bay boarded the bus there. Her father had come to Belle Glade from South Bay with her. He said the storm at South Bay had done just about what it had done at Belle Glade. That a whole interest of everybody was in how long it would take the dredge Calcasieu to reach

close the break in the lake shore dike between South Bay and New River canal and Belle Glade on Hillsboro canal. No one had any information on that point. There was belief that the break in the dike at Hillsboro canal would be patched up around the "triangle" unit of the sub drainage district could be patched up in a relatively short time and the pump on the east side of North New River canal could quickly dry off the land.

I got off of the bus at 20-mile bend with the idea that I might catch a ride to Canal Point. But it was near night and light water on Conners Highway appeared to be too high for a car to go on the east side of North New River. Mr. Boree, the bridge tender, offered me a bed for the night. I joined A. L. Matthews when he came by. Mr. Matthews is president of Palm Beach Everglades and manager of Gladesville Farms sub drainage district. We went into West Palm Beach.

Being back in West Palm Beach I thought I would try to get to Canal Point. The idea occurred to me of taking the Seaboard railroad from West Palm Beach to Okeechobee; I knew that Conners Highway was open from Okeechobee to Canal Point. So at 10:45 Sunday night I boarded a Seaboard train for Okeechobee; it took the train 12 hours to get to Okeechobee, the delay being due to wash-outs north of St. Lucie canal. Almost all of the Seaboard passengers were refugees from the lower east coast and I heard their pitiful stories.

It was at Okeechobee that I got the first definite news of what happened at Moore Haven. There I was told by Mr. Y. Patterson, general manager of Conners Highway, that a party had left Okeechobee to go to Port Mayaca, Fla., and try to get a boat to go to Moore Haven and investigate. Charlie Arrington in charge of tollhouses on the highway, was coming in Canal Point so I rode with him from Okeechobee.

We stopped at Port Mayaca and saw that Mayor Tom Conley and company had gotten the Mayaca Company boat Daisy Dean and were just leaving for Moore Haven. Arrived at Canal Point about 10 o'clock Sunday. Hamrick had come on here from Okeechobee and gotten the Florida East Coast railway survey crew's boat to take a trip of inquiry. This was Monday noon.

As I heard for any of us to apply ourselves to routine work, my Monday afternoon was given over to miscellaneous activities, of which aid in repair to the printing office roof was a part. Most of the time was lost in idle gossip. When Johnny Fritz' boat came in that night he brought me a note from Clewiston which asked that I come over there, the writer not knowing I had been at Clewiston Sunday. The note from Clewiston also asked that efforts be made to establish a mail service to take the place of the service between Moore Haven and Clewiston that was disrupted by the washing out of the railroad track into Moore Haven.

My recollection of what happened Tuesday is not vivid; a part of the day was given over to cleaning up debris on and around the printing office. Most of the time was spent in conferences with residents. The Clewiston Company's mail Thorsell came in from Clewiston, bringing Mr. Pettit whose mission was to get supplies and send telegrams. During the day there was relayed to me a request from some of my friends in Moore Haven asking that I come over there, to write the report of what had taken place. They said I had perspective and understanding of the situation. Recalling the request too that I go to Clewiston, I boarded the Thorsell and left on about 10 o'clock Tuesday night for Clewiston, sleeping at the Clewiston Inn that night. Nothing was learned at Clewiston Wednesday that I had not learned when I was there Sunday, except that it was not practicable to get to Moore Haven. The Arrundel Corporation tugboat C. J. Morrow came into Clewiston about 2:30 o'clock, bringing General Manager F. L. Williamson of the Clewiston Company and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Cook. The tugboat was returning to Canal Point after Mr. Cook's invitation to come with them. That ended Wednesday, not a productive day.

Thursday was given over to more work on the roof, repairs to windows, clearing out debris, some correspondence and writing of copy but chiefly to talks with residents about what the future holds for the Everglades. It was not until Friday and Saturday that we got settled down to getting out the paper.

An organ is wanted to replace the piano destroyed with the church building during the storm. Write lowest price to C. P. Filly, pastor Methodist church, Canal Point, Fla.

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The chief loss was the drowning of the bull that headed his herd of 17 milk cows. Mr. Johnson was delivering milk in Clewiston on Wednesday as if nothing had happened.

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CANAL POINT

J. D. Patten, Jr., a tollhouse man, returned Saturday from a two week visit to relatives at Lakeland, Fla. A daughter was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Weeks. Mr. Weeks is the agent for the Standard Oil Company.

Tom Shepard and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mason were among the many persons who went down the lower east coast to see the storm damage.

Bridge tender Weathering and wife and Mrs. W. A. Adams went to Miami this week. Mrs. Adams found that one of her three sisters in that city was slightly injured. The house in which two of the sisters lived was damaged but the other sister's house was unharmed.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tucker during the storm Saturday morning. The storm so damaged the house that mother and son had to be removed to the office of the Bass Lumber Company next day, pending repair to the dwelling. Mrs. Tucker and the boy are getting along quite well.

Charles R. Baker of Canal Point, agent here for the Gulf Refining Company, left Canal Point Monday morning to go to Moore Haven and learn the fate of his parents. His father, O. M. Baker, is agent at that place for the refining company. Mrs. C. R. Baker accompanied her husband. By 4 o'clock Tuesday they got to within four miles of Moore Haven, where they were halted by guards and were prevented from going farther. They went to La Belle and slept there that night. The next morning they went back of the place four miles from Moore Haven and again were refused permission to go farther. While Mr. Baker was arguing with the guard he saw Sheriff Frank Richards and the sheriff stopped for him and he was permitted to go on into the town. He walked the waist deep to get into Moore Haven. He found his father and mother safe and sound at home but anxious to get away. C. R. Baker procured an Inter-

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THE HURRICANE

Conditions of Wind and Weather observed on Saturday, September 18, by Rev. Paul Harvey.
9 a. m.—Wind from northeast blowing hard and rain falling.
Barometer, 28.44 (subject to correction by standard at the U. S. hydrographic office).
11 a. m.—Wind from east southeast blowing in violent puffs.
Barometer, 28.50.
About this time the belfry of the church blew down and then the building fell, parts of the roof being blown 300 yards in from the eastward.
2 p. m.—Wind from the eastward. Barometer, 28.60.
The rising barometer indicated a promise of better weather. We made a survey of the damage to our church and the Canal Point library.

The falling of the walls of the building submerged the books and some 400 volumes are water-soaked. Eleven sections of bookcases and one 5-shelved book case of reference books by eminent authors destroyed.

Some of our citizens came to help and we rescued from utter destruction the water-soaked and badly damaged books.

A handsome silk flag and the bunting and stripes were found undamaged.

ELLIOT NOT ASSASSINATED

The report that Fred C. Elliott, chief drainage engineer of Everglades drainage district, was assassinated Wednesday at the south end of the lake has not been confirmed and probably is erroneous. Feeling toward Elliott has been bitter and surprise has been expressed that no one has killed him. Elliott rarely comes into the lake region, however, and his impending visit are never announced.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Women's Club held an informal meeting with Mrs. W. A. Adams Tuesday afternoon. On account of the bad conditions no business was transacted. The next meeting will again be held with Mrs. Adams.

CALL FOR RECONSTRUCTION

All that are willing to donate their services in the reconstruction of our community church edifice please come ready for work Monday next as early as convenient. Those who cannot come and willing to send substitutes, please do so. Lend us a hand for the redemption of Canal Point in any way possible. "Many hands make light work."

Pastor in charge on behalf of the board of trustees.

BARE BEACH

Tom Waldron and E. G. Price of Bare Beach were seen at Clewiston Wednesday. Mr. Price ran the store at Bare Beach and owned the building in which the post office was located when there was a post office there. His buildings at Bare Beach were damaged beyond repair. Mr. Waldron's house and the church were wrecked. The school was being held in the church building because the school house grounds had long been under water.

The Clay Bevell, Dallas Frith, E. L. Vickers and J. J. Helveston families got out of Bare Beach Monday on the yacht that came from Fort Myers to collect survivors. Mrs. L. H. Stone had left before the storm. Brewer Walker, the school teacher, has gone away. The Swift family has gone to Frostproof. There is no one left at Bare Beach.

THE ISLANDS

No lives were lost on either of the four populated islands in Lake Okechobee. This is attributed to the fact that although there were levees, there was space on the sides of the islands for the water to get away instead of being held up by levees to accumulate force and to the fact that by the direction of the wind the water was blown away from the island instead of being dug up on them, as at the Moore Haven levees. Some fruit was blown off of avocado trees and some trees were blown down on Kramer Island. "As seen through field glasses from the deck of the boat Palm Sunday, neither Little Kramer or Turkey Island appeared damaged. Guy McGee said there was no serious damage on Ritta Island. Residents took refuge in the second floor of a dwelling."

RITTA

Miss Maud Wingfield's store building on the lake front at Ritta in which building was the post office, was wrecked in the hurricane Saturday. The high level of the lake had weakened the foundation and the building collapsed under the stress of the wind and the roof was blown across the lake and road. The stock of goods was so scattered that not even a can of beans could be found.

D. W. Beardsley's house nearly was wrecked. Mr. Beardsley was living in the Champion house, which for several years was the finest dwelling house in the Everglades. This house was damaged beyond repair.

The only other house close at hand was a small one on the lake side of the road near the gas filling station. Miss Wingfield is living in this house.

William Murray, for many years resident at Ritta, had been at Portland, Oregon. Word has just been received that he is on his way back to Ritta.

CLEWISTON

The A. C. L. railroad track at Clewiston in temporary location, made a part of the lake shore levee. There was a difference of only 14 inches between the elevation of the lake and the railroad grade, the latter part of last week. The Saturday hurricane raised the water 4 or 5 feet, bringing the lake to elevation 23 feet above sea level as compared with a 21-foot levee. This was when the wind was from the northeast. Shifting of the wind to the east and then to the southeast caused the water to be blown away from the levee. The town was helped by the presence of reefs and grass which retarded the waves.

The packing houses had fallen down before the hurricane. On Saturday the hurricane blew down part of the Texas Oil Company's wholesale station and destroyed small houses that were close to the lake front. Some damage was done to the hotel building but it was slight. Houses on the cross state highway were not hurt, being back from the lake. A citizens' committee was organized and took charge. Within 12 hours after the storm the electric light plant and the water plant were in operation. On Wednesday several drag-line machines were repairing breaks in the sub district dike and it was estimated that the pumping plant could start moving water off the ground by the first of the week. The elevation of the lake Wednesday noon was 19.6.

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No. 37 Coaches-Sleeper 7:30 A.M.
No. 81 All Pullman 5:55 P.M.
No. 29 Coaches-Parlor Car 9:45 P.M.
No. 75 Coaches-Sleepers 11:14 P.M.

Northbound

No. 76 Coaches-Sleepers 3:10 A.M.
No. 30 Coaches-Parlor Car 7:50 A.M.
No. 84 All Pullman 10:25 A.M.
No. 38 Coaches-Sleeper 8:35 P.M.
No. 36 All Pullman 10:25 P.M.

For further information see the Ticket Agent

J. D. RAHNER,

General Passenger Agent.

GLADES WEATHER

Belle Glade, Florida
Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the week ending Saturday, September 18, 1926.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain	Evapo.
12	87	72	1.19	0.125
13	88	73	1.00	0.161
14	87	73	1.55	0.157
15	89	73	0.01	0.188
16	90	74	0.16	0.225
17	86	70	3.20	Lost
18				

No. reading taken—storm.
GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

Canal Point

Temperature and rainfall record at Canal Point, Florida, for week ending September 19, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
13	89	72	0.08
14	88	71	0.32
15	89	72	0.04
16	82	68	0.81
17	87	74	5.69
18	79	72	2.00
19	80	73	2.67

Average 75 71 Total 11.58

Gauge above lock, 19.1 feet; gauge below lock, 19.1 feet.

C. P. SHEPHERD.

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FOR SALE—Good empty barrels. Apply to Captain of C. J. Morrow, Canal Point, Fla. 29c2

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THE DEAD ARCADE

When Governor John W. Martin was campaigning for the office he now holds he was quoted as saying:

"Napoleon B. Broward began the drainage of the Everglades; John W. Martin will finish it."

John W. Martin was inaugurated in January of this year; so far the outstanding event in Everglades drainage during his administration has been the destruction of the town of Moore Haven and the flooding of every acre of cultivated land.

The drowning of more than 200 persons at Moore Haven on Saturday, September 18, was a disaster of greater magnitude than that at Miami, considering the difference in population.

The Moore Haven disaster was due to the unnecessarily and inexcessively high level of Lake Okechobee.

The high level of the lake was brought about by the refusal of the commissioners of Everglades drainage district to require the chief drainage engineer to lower it.

The commissioners of Everglades drainage district are:

Hon. John W. Martin, Governor.
Hon. C. Luning, Chief Engineer.
Hon. Ernest Amos, State Comptroller.
(Under indictment.)

Hon. Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.
Hon. J. C. Johnson, Attorney General.

The chief engineer of the district is Fred Cotton Elliott.

It is customary to hold an inquest to ascertain the cause and manner of death of persons dead by violence. A coroner's jury inquiring into the cause of the death of the 200 persons dead at Moore Haven might properly come to this verdict:

The deceased persons came to their deaths through the culpable negligence of the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Everyone who has lived as long as twenty-four months in the Lake Okechobee region knows that an ordinary wind can raise the lake two or three feet even the slightest breeze. The water in the lake is about 21 feet above sea level at some points. There are levees that are presumed to be at elevation 21 feet. It is evident that when Lake Okechobee is permitted to attain an elevation of 19 1/2 feet, a wind not unusual in season will raise the lake's water to a higher level than the levees and the ridge. The fact is notorious that winds in the seasons of the equinox blow the lake waters to a height of more than three feet to a height of five feet or more. In July of this year when wind made the water recede 4 feet at the north end of the lake the same came raised the water six feet at the south end.

The commissioners of Everglades Drainage District may not know this, but they should have been apprised of it by the chief engineer. The district is governed by men who know not by dunes.

Lake Okechobee was at elevation 18 feet and seven-tenths on the first day of September, 1926. At that elevation it was at a dangerous height and the reasons above stated. September is a month of the rainy season; the succeeding month of October is the month in which heavy rains and hurricanes are usual. It was inevitable and evident that unless rise of the lake was arrested it would result in a probable fact that the flood would cause loss of life.

In this period that called for close attention by the officers of the district to prevent settlers in the Glades from being drowned, Governor John W. Martin, chairman of the board was making a trip to Wyoming. Commissioner Mayo was involved in the Convict Tracy escape scandal. Comptroller Amos was involved with the levying of dozens of banks under his control. Treasurer Luning was unable to give prompt attention to the routine of his office because of a multiplicity of duties. The king was in the counting house counting his money, the queen was in the pantry eating bread and honey—along came a Mackintosh and nipped off their noses. The security of thousands of residents of the Everglades would have been in jeopardy if the drainage board was composed of idiots.

Lake Okechobee was too high for safety on the first of September. Its height gave warning that it would overflow before the first of October. No device resorted to to avert the promised calamity. It was not called anything but the lake. It did. Did the commissioners initiate any protective measures? They did not. Was their property called to the attention of the district? They did not. Did they do anything about it? No. Were they participants criminis to the death of 200 persons drowned at Moore Haven?

This is not written in hysteria; it is written in calmness after deliberation and consultation; and with the thought that if it causes the publisher of The Everglades News to be arrested and prosecuted it will take into court a case where sworn testimony can be returned from the commissioners of Everglades drainage district will either get conscious of their obligations or get out of office. Nor can their proponents and interested parties partially excuse the ghosts of the Moore Haven dead.

PEOPLE CONDEMN
LIKE DIKE SYSTEMOkechobee Residents Wire
President Coolidge Request
For Investigation

SEBRING, Fla., Sept. 22.—A message to President Coolidge requesting that he use his influence through the war department to prevent the rebuilding of dikes along the south end of Lake Okechobee until a thorough investigation has been made by a special presidential appointee was forwarded to Washington today by a group of citizens of the Everglades drainage district.

The message stated that the loss of property and life was "apparently traceable to the condition created by the Everglades drainage district and that condition is traceable in our opinion to the say least to an absolute lack of understanding of existing conditions."

It was further contended that overflowing from the northeast and northwest side of the lake and hinted that the dikes on the south end have not been successful in a drainage stand-point.

A copy of the telegram was sent to Governor Martin with the following notation:

"We respectfully request that you delegate some one other than a technical cranny engineer to make an unbiased investigation of our contentions and to use your every influence with a view to arriving at some more satisfactory handling of the drainage in this section than has been and is under the present engineer's direction."

The message to President Coolidge follows:

"We the undersigned citizens of the Everglades drainage district respectfully request that you use your influence through the war department to prevent the rebuilding of dikes on the south end of Lake Okechobee pending—"

"First—An investigation by a representative designated by you who is not interested in Everglades land or Florida politics."

"Third—That such representative be instructed to ascertain if diking south end of lake does not overflow north and northwest side of lake. If it does, south end of lake has been successful from a drainage stand-point for the past four years."

"Fourth—That your representative be further requested to interview and ascertain from those living within drainage area their experience based on observation as to the absolute inadequacy of the present drainage scheme as handled by the engineer in charge."

All of the mail that was in the Moore Haven post office Friday night was lost.

BELLE GLADE

BELLE GLADE, Sept. 22.—We are still wrought up over the storm, talking of the loss of life of anything except repairs. Fortunately, we have much to be thankful for, as no one was injured and while the property losses were great, they might have been much greater. The Robinson, Eagleston, Himmelwright, Betzner, Creech, Greer, Badger, Pemberton and Holloway houses, and the Denton store were practically undamaged, while almost every other building suffered damaged roofs, foundations and partial complete collapse. At the latter store, the breaking of two large windows allowed the building to fill with water which lifted off the roof. The hotel lost some roofing and upper east veranda and roof from bath and power house. Perhaps the most spectacular damage was the complete wreck of the large apartment and store building which Spence Cally and Ernest Stallings were just completing. A jam of sunken boats, houseboats, barges and water hyacinths "blocked the bridge until Monday."

A bad break in the dike within the triangle stopped the pumps, Thursday morning, losing all the work they had done and flooding the houses that were blown their foundations. The pumps have not yet started though the Caloasahatchis closed the break Monday. Local crews also closed the locks and spillway and several minor breaks Monday.

Some relief was sent here Sunday. Chief Engineer Elliot was here Tuesday with supplies for any needing but as we have a road we did not need the supplies. The latter will be hurried to the Clewiston-Moore Haven district.

J. E. Beardsley brought out two loads of supplies for Belle Glade which are being taken over this morning by the Palm.

We have had no outside mail since Friday but Postmaster Badger has arranged for it to be handled through the Palm Beach office and carried by the Palm bus.

A few have gone out until conditions settle, among them the William Motes family, who left Monday for Guin, Ala. Dr. J. W. Campbell left this morning for Knoxville, Tenn., to join his wife, ill conditions improve.

C. E. Ridel and son Victor, left Monday for Green Cove Springs, where the latter will enter a military school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Betzner, daughters and new son, Charles Louis, have left for Sebring.

Mrs. Annie Mahler is visiting at her old home in Pennsylvania.

See L. P. Thomas, resident manager, for new field and garden seeds. —Exotic Gardens.

OKEELANTA

Report of the storm damage is printed in another column.

OKEELANTA, Sept. 20.—John Anjima, Sr., who accompanied his ailing mother to Miami, as reported in last item, had employment in his trade in that city. Mrs. Anjima remains there under a physician's care.

S. Fennor's attempt to lay a metal roof over his wife and four children interfered with by the wind and rain Thursday. The precipitation of that day amounted to 4 1/2 inches in ten hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchette left Monday for Miami.

George Washington after suffering much hardship, made his way to Okeelanta on Sunday evening.

Sam Cooper started for Miami the morning of Tuesday, uncertain how ever of being able to reach it.

Clarence Youngblood, who farmer for ten years in the Liberty Point section of Glades county, near the lake front, saw his wife and four children drown helpless to save them. When their house blew down he got his wife and children on a raft and they broke in two and the sections floated away from one another. In the blinding rain he lost sight of the section of the raft on which were his wife and children; then for an instant he caught sight of them as the roof was dashed past him and then all were gone. More than 20 persons had taken refuge in the Youngbloods' home.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that E. C. Johnston purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3454, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1926, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 7 block 208 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 29 to 40.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of M. A. Shear. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 14th day of September, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fennor,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.

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TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that C. E. Haines purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3626, dated the 2nd day of July A. D. 1926, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot A block 65 Palm Beach Farms Co. plat book No. 7, Sub-Div. section 30, township 44 south, range 43 east, 1 acre.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 14th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that E. C. Johnston purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3597, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1926, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 14 block 38 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 29 to 40.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Edward Mercer. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 14th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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in the name of Thornton Combs. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1926.

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Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that Mary Elliott purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 1147, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lots 4 to 7, inc. tract 3 Philo Fennor sub-div. of E/2 and SW/4, section 30, township 40 south, range 41 east, 20 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 18th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fennor,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that P. J. Mulligan purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3589, dated the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1915, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 1 block 259 Lake Worth. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Aug T. Johnson. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 12th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fennor,
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
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Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3655, dated the 2nd day of July A. D. 1916, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: S 50 ft. N 150 ft. of lot 4 M. K. Lyman subdivision of N 200 ft. of lot 4 section 31, township 45 south, range 43 east. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of John McCarty. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 12th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fennor,
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3656, dated the 7th day of August, A. D. 1916, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 98 S-D of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of canal, section 27, township 45 south, range 43 east, 1 acre. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of W. H. Funk. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 21st day of August, A. D. 1926.

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